

Happy holidays from the Viking voice!



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This student-driven newspaper will be published monthly and will feature all sorts of fun spotlights on students, sports, and staff. If you have any ideas for stories, please reach out to 2027583as@students.whitehall.schools.net



Poem of the month- By: Mathilda Morneau

Sonnet 18

By: William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?

Thou art more lovely and more temperate:

Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,

And summer's lease hath all too short a date;

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,

And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;

And every fair from fair sometime declines,

By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;

But thy eternal summer shall not fade,

Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;

Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,

When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:

So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,

So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

Courtesy of the Poetry Foundation

Joke of the month!

What's a spiders New Year's resolution

The answer is on the last page!

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Teacher quote of the month – By: Alexa DeCheney

The teacher I picked for this month is Mr. Christensen! He picked, "It is by going down into the abyss that we recover the treasures of life. Where you stumble, there lies your treasure...The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure you seek."

-Joseph Campbell.

Mr. C's mom said this in other, better words, "Anything worth doing has to be willing to "do it afraid". All the important things in life the things that really matter- you will find that you have to "do them afraid".

-Mr. C's mom

Animal of The Month-

By: Morgan Gosselin



Where They Live: Arctic foxes usually live in the upper parts of Canada and the upper part of Russia where it's cold.

What They Eat: Arctic foxes eat tiny insects, sea birds, mammals, fish, and berries!

What They (Should Usually) Look Like: These cute mammals can weigh up to 6 to 10 lbs when fully grown. They are much smaller than the red fox, their relatives, with their short bodies and legs and long white winter fur.

How Many Kits Can Arctic Foxes Have: They can have an average of 7 kits, but the most they can have is 15.

Arctic Foxes are cute animals (in my opinion), and they should be loved!

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How to be a Good Writer– By: Morgan Gosselin

1. The first step is to open a Google Doc and think of a story title! (ex. The Humbled. You can steal if you want), and then create your author name! (You can use your real name or a fake one)
2. Once you are done with your title, think of the main character(s)! (ex. Lilac, Courtney, etc., or your main character can be an animal)
3. Now you need to think about a plot. Start by writing the beginning where you introduce the characters, then the character(s) has a problem. And then the climax where things just get worse. Then the falling action where your character thinks everything through, and then the resolution where you make up!
4. Now you start writing, but before, think about if you want it to be first person or third person. (First person is better for horror stories, and sad stories, and third person is best for adventure stories, and stuff like that)
5. When you start writing your book, try not to add chapter names (this is my opinion, but chapter names give away what the chapter is about), and try to add more than two pages in one chapter.
6. In the first chapter, explain the characters and part of the character's problem. In the second chapter, explain what the character is planning on doing, and in chapter three, explain how something goes wrong, and the character is in a horrible situation where everything they do is wrong, in the next few chapters, show how the character tries to fix the problem but fails multiple times, but then finds a new solution and it ends up working in the end!
7. Don't EVER break the fourth wall (the fourth wall is when the character speaks to the audience). It may seem that in the first person, it breaks the fourth wall, but all they say is I, me, us, ours, so it's not breaking it. (ex. The character saying "you" without quotation marks is breaking the fourth wall)
8. Make sure to have an author's note at the end! Don't be too specific though.
9. This is how you publish! Go to this website: <https://kdp.amazon.com/> and do what it asks! (you must have at least 75 pages in your book before publishing) and bam! (I don't know what happens after but if it asks for more stuff, try to do it with a guardian's help. P.S. I don't know because none of my books are 75 pages yet! Still working though!)
10. After all the steps, you should have a published book! (Sometimes it will send to people to review your book before it's published!)

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Word of the month- By: Mathilda Morneau

Podunk - a small, unimportant, and isolated town

Synonyms- village, cowtown, townlet

Ex. There is a drastic difference between living in a podunk town and a big city.

Definition Courtesy of Merriam-Webster Dictionary



Talent Show- By: Zayla Pineda

Have you ever wanted to know what it is like at a talent show? Well, there are a lot of people who go up and sing, dance, or any of their greatest talents. Most people sang at this year's talent show but some people danced or played the piano. There were so many good performers even in the short amount of time they had they made it work. Hope you go to the next talent show.



Movie of the Month- By: Greyson Konecny

My movie of the month is *The Sandlot* because it was funny and made it seem like a bunch of kids were just playing baseball. This movie is one of my favorites because it is about baseball and a bunch of kids who dreamed of making it to the big leagues one day, they were at the baseball fields until 10:00 and got there at 8 am. The big piece you can take away from this movie is, if you practice then you can make a dream a reality.



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Competitive Cheer – By: Anna George

The Competitive Cheer season has come to an end, and was concluded in a major way. On Saturday the 25th, the Cheer team arrived at school at 7:10 to begin the long bus ride to Otsego High School. This final competition was invitation only. We were invited on account of our undefeated team last year. The team arrived, warmed up, and took the mat. Our end goal was to beat the previous middle school record of 333, set by last year's team. We not only beat the record, but beat it by 15 points with a score of 348! That is quite a difference considering the winner and second place can be only a single point apart sometimes!

The team also gave a performance at the assembly Thursday, January 30th. Sadly a few girls were gone that day so we had to rush and fill those spots. The rounds you saw were with different groups/spacing than normal and learned in about 10 minutes. We are all very proud of the entire team for being flexible in the matter and willing to go with the flow.

It would be helpful for me to break down the cheer terms for you so you know what it's all about: There are 3 rounds, 1, 2, and 3. Round 1 is all about precision and difficulty. Round 2 is all about the tricks and precision along with the chant. Lastly, round 3 is all about stunting. There are 4 roles in stunting: Flyer, Main base, Side base, and Backspot. Flyer goes up in the air, Main base holds more of the weight and leads in holding the flyers feet to get them up there. Side base is just as important but takes less of the lead as the Main base, lastly, Backspot helps to catch the Flyer if they fall and keeps them steady. There are also tumblers who do tricks across the mats while the team performs. They might do tricks like back handsprings, front handsprings, tucks, aerials, and more.

When we go to competitions, we go up against about 9 or more teams at once. Often we go against teams with more money for a better program too, this affects our chance. Each team performs individually and is scored, then the top score wins. Even though this was not our best year, I'm confident next year, the girls who stay on the team will do an amazing job.

The coaches for our team are Coach Martin and Coach Kendra, both at Ealy. They are so proud of the girls and want to send out the message that all girls who are interested at all should try out next year. It's a fun time and you get to learn cool tricks that you can even make a career out of and get scholarships for. Below are some pictures from an amazing season with a great group, make sure to check them out.



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Competitive Cheer photos –By: Anna George



Good Job!!



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Surprise Interview– By: Avery Anderson and Amira Moore

Amira and I have decided to interview Mr. Boyd because a lot of people think he is strict but also funny at the same time. We asked him some questions about who he is as a person.

How long have you been teaching?.

- 32 years

What is your favorite food?

- All forms of pig, bacon, sausage, etc.

Do you have any animals? if so, what kind and names?

- 2 dogs, Hazel and Hadley

Do you have any kids?

- 4 kids, 2 grandchildren, and 1 on the way

Do you coach any sports, If so what sports?

- 8th-grade boys basketball and track

What do you teach?

- 8th-grade algebra and math



Mental Health:Kindness – By: Hannah Noom

There are many ways to be kind through gestures, words, and actions. You never truly know what someone is going through so it's best to be kind to everyone. Sometimes it can be hard, you could be having a bad day or not get along with someone, but being kind can also do good for you! According to the Mental Health Foundation "studies have found that acts of kindness are linked to increased feelings of well-being". This means That being kind can improve your mood! So the next time you get the chance, invite someone to sit with you at lunch, give someone a compliment, and just be kind because it may improve your mood and their mood more than you believe.

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Restaurant of the month: Taco Bell-

By: Kennedy Corder and McKaela Sohasky

For this month we decided to write a story about Taco Bell. Taco Bell was founded on March 21st, 1962. It is a popular fast-food restaurant that is beloved by millions of people. Glen Bell, the founder of Taco Bell named his restaurant after himself. At one point everything on the menu only cost 19 cents!!! Also, Taco Bell was once owned by Pepsi. Taco Bell's first menu item was frijoles and burritos. Taco Bell is a very popular and amazing restaurant and I recommend you go and eat there as fast as you can.



Happy New Year's From the Viking Voice!!

Joke of the month Answer!

To spend less time on the web

Thank you for reading!!